

Iowa Council on Homelessness
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2005

Voting Members Present:

Allan Axeen – HACAP	Anne Kinzel – Selzer & Company
Virginia Beane – Attorney General’s Office	Gordon Miller – Department of Public Safety
Bill Brand – Department of Human Rights	Alice Mollett – Crossroads Women’s Shelter
Christine Canganelli – Shelter House	Patrick Nestvedt – Catholic Charities
Amy Correia – Iowa Coalition against Domestic Violence	Kate Ridge – John Lewis Coffee Shop
Kelli Foltz – Department of Veteran Affairs	Steffani Simbric – Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
Diane Foss – Dept. of Economic Development	Judy Songer – SIEDA Community Action
Jeff Gronstal – Department of Public Health	Janell Staats – MATURA Action Corporation
Ann Hearn – Linn County Community Services	Nicki Stajcar – Department of Elder Affairs
Bill Holvoet – Community Action of SE Iowa	Lila P.M. Starr – Department of Human Services
Doug Keast – Dept of Workforce Development	Dean Wright – Drake University

Voting Members Absent:

Anne Brown – Department of Corrections	Ray Morley – Department of Education
Dennis Dietz – Iowa Finance Authority	Donald Tyne – Linn County Veteran’s Affairs
Mario Hayslett – Criminal Justice Ministries	Bob Steben – Department of Veteran Affairs
Amy Knudsen – Iowa Coalition for Housing & Homeless	

Others Present:

Joan Christensen – Broadlawns Medical Center	Hal Maneer – Mason City Schools
Kari Dunwalt – Youth & Shelter Services	Dave Meterchese – Black Hawk Mental Health Center
Deb Forester – Hillcrest Family Services	Roberta Milinsky – Youth & Shelter Services
Sister Charla – DVP	Shelly Morlock – Department of Corrections
Jill – DVP	Melissa Newell – Primary Healthcare
Eddie Frazier – Primary Healthcare	Patrick O’Brien - PCHS
Barry Gallagher – Vera French Mental Health Center	Matt Otte – Community Mental Health PATH Program
Kim Gibson – John Wood	Paul Stanfield – Home Connection
Erin Haafke – Department of Elder Affairs	Rose Wazny – Dept of Economic Development
Erica Haven – Project Concern	Mike Wood – Mental Health Association of Siouxland
David Hicks – Youth & Shelter Services	
Cheryl Kimball – Youth & Shelter Services	
Charlie Leist – Department of Human Services	

Iowa Finance Authority Staff:

Lyle Schwery – Homeless Programs Coordinator	Karen Winchester – Administrative Assistant
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Call to Order & Introduction

Chairman Wright called the November 18, 2005 meeting of the Iowa Council for Homelessness to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was not established.

Introductions were made by those present at the host site and at the remote ICN locations.

Executive Committee Report

Dean Wright, Chair of the Executive Committee, reported the Committee met and discussed the research that is currently taking place.

Continuum of Care Committee Report

Dean Wright reported the Committee met and is still looking for members.

The committee met with all of the current CoC grantees on the afternoon of October 13, 2005 via ICN to discuss major issues and challenges that will be faced in 2006. HUD is now placing more emphasis on performance measures and has placed the responsibility of the continuum of care to ensure grantees are performing as expected. There appears to be an excess of pro-rated funds available for new projects at this time. Grantees requested a logic model training session to be scheduled at a later date. The committee is working on revising the renewal rating evaluation.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Approvals

November 18, 2005 Agenda

Chairman Wright introduced the agenda for the November 18, 2005 meeting.

Motion: On a motion by Bill Holvoet, seconded by Lila Starr, the Council unanimously approved the November 18, 2005 Council meeting agenda.

September 16, 2005 Minutes

Chairman Wright introduced the minutes for the September 16, 2005 meeting.

Motion: On a motion by Lila Starr, seconded by Jeff Gronstal, the Council unanimously approved the September 16, 2005 Council meeting minutes.

Nominating Committee Report

Lila Starr, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported the Committee met and has several action items to be placed before the Council.

Motion: On a motion by Lila Starr, seconded by Gordon Miller, the Council unanimously approved to take up the tabled motion to elect Mike Wood to the Council to represent persons with prior experience of homelessness.

Mike Wood reported to the Council that he would like to withdraw his name for this position. This request makes any action on the above motion a mute point.

Motion: On a motion by Lila Starr, seconded by Diane Foss, the Council unanimously approved to elect Kevin Squires of Cedar Rapids to the Council to represent persons with prior experience of homelessness.

Lila Starr informed the Council that Diane Foss has resigned from the Nominations Committee.

Motion: On a motion by Lila Starr, seconded by Nicki Stajcar, the Council unanimously approved the nomination of Doug Keast to the Nominations Committee.

Lila Starr informed the Council that Dennis Dietz will now represent the Iowa Finance Authority with Loyd Ogle as his alternate.

Policy and Public Awareness Committee Report

Christine Canganelli, Chair of the Policy and Public Awareness Committee, reported to the Council that there are several events taking place all around the state for the National Week of Homeless and Hunger Awareness.

Ms. Canganelli informed the Council that the dates for the Policy Academy and Strategic Planning Group will be January 12 and 13, 2006.

Research and Analysis Committee Report

Al Axeen, Chair of the Research and Analysis Committee, reported the Committee met to discuss several topics. IPP was given an extension to complete the homeless study due to the late reports from Project Easier.

HMIS Committee Report

Lyle Schwery reported to the Council that the second Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) for HUD will cover six months and is for the time period of January 1, - June 30, 2006. Our goal is to meet HUD's expected standards for this report (95%). The Iowa Institute for Community Alliances will contact providers weekly to help with all questions.

Reports & Activities

Lyle Schwery reminded the Council that the Homeless Assistance Program Grant Applications are due at IFA on December 15, 2005 at 4:30 pm. The Point-in-Time Study will take place January 25, 2006 with a training session on January 18, 2006 via ICN. The Continuum of Care Exhibit 1 will be due March 1, 2006 for a preliminary review.

Lyle Schwery informed the Council of a fund-raising 'sleep-out' he is participating in tonight in Sioux City.

Patrick Nestvedt asked the Council about the feasibility of a second Point-in-Time Study in the summer for a more accurate count of homeless persons. Ann Hearn reported that Linn County already does a second count in the summer. Ann Kinzel voiced a concern about cost and time. Since many other states conduct the study two times a year, Iowa may be able to co-ordinate a second count with neighboring states.

A three person sub-committee was created to re-visit the definition of homelessness consisting of Lyle Schwery, Anne Kinzel, and Diane Foss.

Old Business

There was no 'old business' to be discussed.

New Business

Lila Starr informed the Council of a crisis counseling outreach program for Katrina evacuees. Refer any interested parties to Lila or the Iowa Concern Hotline.

Bill Brand informed the Council of the Low Income Home Weatherization Program which helps homeless and domestic violence shelters with energy use analysis. Any shelters interested in this program should contact their local community action agency.

Next Meeting Date

Mr. Schwery reminded members of the next Council meeting date, Friday, January 20, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion: On a motion by Doug Keast, seconded by Gordon Miller, the Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Council meeting at 11:12 am.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2006,

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as to form:

Karen Winchester, Administrative Assistant
Iowa Finance Authority

Doug Keast, Secretary
Iowa Council on Homelessness